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Irrigation

Sanction of the revised estimates for repairs and improvements to the Maranthai channel.

* 733 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in regard to the Maranthai channel and anicut in the Tinnevelly district—

(*a*) whether the revised estimates for (i) the repairs and (ii) the improvements of the channel and anicut have been sanctioned by the Government; and

(*b*) whether and when the estimates are likely to be taken up for execution?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The report from the Board of Revenue, recently received, is under consideration.

Sanction of the estimates for the Tirumalaikozhunthupuram drainage channel.

* 734 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the Tirumalaikozhunthupuram drainage channel in the Tinnevelly district—

(*a*) whether the estimates of the Chief Engineer have been sanctioned by the Government; and

(*b*) whether, and when they will be taken up for execution?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) A report on the revenue aspects of the scheme has been called for from the Board of Revenue.

Land Revenue Administration

Appointment of an Indian as Member, Board of Revenue.

* 735 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an Indian Civilian or a Madras Statutory Civilian has been appointed as Member of the Revenue Board within the past five years; and

(*b*) if not, why?

A.—The answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative.

Taxation on improvements effected by tenants.

* 736 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether tenants' improvements such as levelling and bunding grounds for cultivation purposes, and digging wells and tanks for irrigation purposes are proposed to be taxed in South Kanara in the forthcoming resettlement?